

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATIONS

Art Unit: 1742 (Examiner M. Andrews)

Applicants: HOFFMAN et al.

Serial No: 09/852,866

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Title: METHOD OF PRODUCING A METALLIZED BRIQUETTE

Charlotte, North Carolina  
April 2, 2003Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action of January 3, 2003, and telephone interview March 28, 2003 with the Examiner and Inventor Glenn Hoffman, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for making metallized iron by reduction of iron oxide from green briquettes, said process consisting of:
- combining iron bearing materials forming a mixture that is substantially iron oxide, a